

# Women's Health: A Call for Papers

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The March 21, 2001, issue of *JAMA*<sup>1</sup> was devoted to women's health and featured articles on physical activity and coronary heart disease, hormone therapy and cognition, risk of dementia in postmenopausal women, estrogen therapy and ovarian cancer mortality, the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis, depressive symptoms among HIV-seropositive women, enhanced surveillance for pregnancy-associated mortality, and cervical cytologic and histologic interpretations. Since then a number of important studies, including several from the Women's Health Initiative<sup>2-3</sup> and the Heart and Estrogen/progestin Replacement Study,<sup>4-5</sup> have been published. Studies already published and many currently under way can provide important information to improve the health of women. To assist and enhance this initiative, the editors of *JAMA* will devote a theme issue in March 2006 to articles pertaining to women's health.

We invite manuscripts reporting the results of original research, especially randomized clinical trials and systematic reviews, including meta-analyses. While special communications and commentaries will be evaluated, evidence-based articles will be given priority.

Topics of particular interest are women's health aspects of diseases with major public health impact including cardiovascular disease, cancer, infectious diseases, musculoskeletal diseases, endocrinological diseases, alcoholism and other drug abuse, and psychiatric disorders; sex differences in treatment effects, including drug effects and pharmacokinetics; normal and abnormal growth and development through the life cycle; health aspects of exercise and sports medicine; psychosocial and cultural issues affecting women's health; studies of pregnancy, infertility, prenatal care, and childbirth; eating disorders, including anorexia and bulimia; menstrual disorders; and complications of menopause.

Manuscripts received by December 1, 2005, will have the best chance for consideration for this theme issue. All manuscripts will undergo our usual rigorous editorial review process with no advance promise of acceptance for publication. High-quality submissions not accepted for this theme issue may be considered for other issues of *JAMA* or for referral for consideration by one of the *Archives* specialty journals. Please follow *JAMA*'s Instructions for Authors<sup>6</sup> regarding authorship, submission, and formatting requirements.

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